



**NEW ASSIGNMENT . . .** Lt. Col. William E. Keefer, A.A.F., flew here last weekend for a brief visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Keefer, 2259 Torrance blvd. Leaving Saturday for Washington, D.C., Col Keefer has been assigned to the Army Air Force's deputy commander's office for staff duty.

## Winners Of Spelling Bee Announced

Winners of the junior and senior high school spelling bee who will be competing for honors tonight at the Rotary club are Don Bingham, Beverley Wernett, Barbara Kelley, and Carol Shaffer. Barbara Spangler will be the fifth contestant.

Those who entered in the junior high contest are Shirley Moody, Sachiko Mine, Tom Eyrn, Richard Garfield, Patty Griffin, Lorna Ison, Pauline Ban, Margaret Greenan, Betty Hartley, Wilma Atkins, Barbara Jackson, Peggy McBride, Hal Landeman, Leroy Johnson, Lavin Long, Billy Johnson, Tom Glatras, Robert Pedersen, Audrey Wright, Dolores Jensen, Betty Ritchie, Jeanine Harvey, Cynthia Alexander, Millie Anderson, Joan Ingram, Mary Hathaway, Mariko Yumekita, Cleo Madrid, Mary Lou Wilson, Carlyle Taylor, Richard McIntosh, Patsy Tucker, Pat Kern, Jean Jenkins, Fred Mahaffey, Donald King, Jesse Quigley, Beverley Luster, Caroligh Byrnes, Christine Hall, Stephen Hornick, and Carl Caraway.

From the senior high contestants were Shirley Saffen, Jean Munger, Frances Parry, Ruth Morey, Walter Stamp, Walter Hatfield, Evelyn Sanders, Pat Clere, Edith Northcutt, Sonora Larson, Rosita Ioppa, Leland Dean, Billy Ryburn, Milton Jones, Ralph Estolano, Kiyoshi Mine, Oval Harris, Bob Jones, Jack Daniel, Arthur Svensk, Jim Wood, Tom Baron, Joe Ban, Yovan Popovich, Bobbie Parks, Ina Petty, Clive Hall, Pat Northway, Pat Findley, Betty Miller, Dorothy Mora, Angeline Correia, and Frances Van Meter.

## Retailers Name Committees To Handle Problems

Committees of the Retail Merchants Division of the Torrance Chamber of Commerce to work on phases of development in the commercial section of Torrance have been announced by Blaine Walker, secretary, as follows:

- Rubbish Disposal Committee—F. G. Dominguez, chairman, Sam Levy, John F. McMaster, J. A. Evans, Mrs. Ruth G. Dueck.
- Parking Committee—Bob Haggard, chairman, C. W. Emmet, Oscar H. Ross, Bernard Lee, Glenn M. Jain.
- Christmas Street Decorations—Al Lewis, chairman, Ed Brown, Glenn M. Jain, Frank Higgins, W. F. Ernst.
- Credit Buying Committee—Tom McGuire, chairman, Harry Abramson, C. L. Parrich, R. J. Deininger.

## JOE E. BROWN ON PURPLE HEART PARLEY PROGRAM

Joe E. Brown, famous star of stage-screen-radio will be master of ceremonies at the Military Order of the Purple Heart Department banquet which will be held in the Marine Room, Hilton Hotel, Long Beach, Friday evening June 14, at 7:00 p.m. Tickets for this banquet are now on sale at \$2.50 including tax. Only 200 tickets on sale to the public.

Stars of stage-screen-radio and prominent guest speakers will be present. Get your tickets at Convention Headquarters, 1050 Atlantic ave., Long Beach.

## Lions Partake Of Soup In Famine Relief Move; Select New Officers

Dr. Rollin R. Smith, veterinarian, was elected president of Torrance Lions club at its meeting Tuesday noon in the Civic auditorium, to succeed Harry B. Lewis, who has served as president since the formation of the club in February of 1945.

And while they were electing officers, the Lions were partaking of soup, having voted some weeks ago to forego one meal a month in favor of soup in order to allow the food which ordinarily would go into their meal to be distributed to agencies which will see that it gets to the starving people of war-torn Europe.

The idea was suggested by President Lewis, and it has won the approval of the National Food and Famine committee, and is being followed by service clubs everywhere.

First vice president is Albert Isen, and second vice president Frank Dominguez, manager of El Prado Furniture Co.

Frank S. Selover, managing editor of the Torrance Herald, was reelected secretary-treasurer.

Al Lewis was named "tail

## H.M.S. Pinafore To Be Presented By Local Cast

H. M. S. Pinafore, liltng Gilbert and Sullivan operetta, will be presented at the Torrance high school auditorium next Friday night, May 24, at 8 p.m.

The cast is selected from the mixed choir of the high school music department, under the direction of Miss Clara Storrs. Louis Sauter will direct the orchestra.

Leading characters will be played as follows: The Admiral, Jack Blackmon; the Captain, Eugene Foster; Ralph Rackshaw, the Sailor, Bill Johnson; the Boatswain, Ronald Hazelwood; the Boatswain's Mate, Don Teske; Dick Deadeye, Doug Bodner; Josephine, Naomi Edwards with understudies of Mary Ellen Crawford and Beverly Schmidt; Buttercup, Winona Seaborn and Emogene Held; and Hebe, Diane Licht and Doreen Hatton.

A tale of love and romance on the ship, it appeals to all with its gaiety and melody. The sailor who woos the captain's daughter finds himself in plenty of difficulty. The high school student body performance will be on Thursday of next week.

Tickets for the evening performance are on sale at the high school and reserved seats at the Torrance Pharmacy. The price of admission is 45c general admission and 60c for reserved seats.

## 'Calamity Kids' Cast Prepares Final Rehearsals

Torrance Community Players, organized by Mr. and Mrs. Ed Rickard of the Three Arts Studio, are planning final rehearsals for the three-act comedy "The Calamity Kids."

The play will be presented under the auspices of Torrance Lions Club in the Civic Auditorium on the night of June 13, and tickets are on sale by members of the club, at Torrance Time Shop, 1233 El Prado, and Ralph's, 1801 Cabrillo ave.

The popular play, by Jay To bias, is being presented by the Lions as a charity benefit.

## Torrance Seaman Returns From European Trip

William Mata, former Torrance high school student, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. Mata, 1016 Arlington ave., has returned from a cruise with the Merchant Marine during which he visited Genoa, Italy.

Mata, who worked for the Torrance Herald as an apprentice pressman prior to enlisting in the Merchant Marine service nearly nine months ago, said his ship carried coal from Canal to Italy.

"twister"; George P. Thatcher, Lion tamer and directors are Don C. Moskos, M. D., Herbert C. Allen, restaurant operator; William Greene, local jeweler, and the Rev. Ronald J. Menmuir.

Lewis and Selover were named delegates to the district convention in Los Angeles in June, with Dr. Smith and Greene as alternates.

Officers will be installed at a dinner and dance to be held in the Riviera club early in July.

R. I. Plomert, Jr., tax counselor of General Petroleum Corp., presented W. R. Goddard, assistant to the manager of the General Petroleum refinery in Torrance, who told of the meaning of the refinery to this city.

More than 1000 men are employed by G. P. in Torrance, according to Goddard, and following the establishment of the original plant in 1927, G. P. has expanded here to a point where it now covers more than 900 acres. It is the largest individual industry in Torrance, with an assessed valuation of nine millions of dollars, approximately one-third of the valuation of Torrance.

The original units constructed here, Goddard said, were the two crude units, in 1929, followed by the reformer unit and a third crude unit was set up cosily breaking-unit was set up and during the war two catalytic units and one alkylation unit were built. Now nearing completion is a coking unit.

The average capacity of the General Petroleum plant in Torrance is dependent upon the amount of crude available but it amounts to from 60,000 to 100,000 barrels of crude daily.

Manufactured in Torrance are high test aviation gasoline, motor gasoline, kerosene, stove oil, Diesel oil and fuel oil.

President Lewis presided over the meeting and Lion Ed Rickard announced that rehearsals of the Torrance Community Players, who will present "The Calamity Kids" under sponsorship of the Lions in the auditorium on June 13, are being held each Wednesday and Friday.

## Chemicals Used To Snuff Out Oil Well Blaze

An oil sump fire of undetermined origin on the Chandler-Canfield Oil Company property at Emerald street and Hawthorne avenue, was quelled early Thursday by chemical foam apparatus used by the Torrance Fire Department under direction of Chief J. E. McMaster.

The blaze, which for a short while threatened other equipment in the oil field area, was quickly brought under control. The company made no estimate of the damage, but said it would be negligible.

## Tartar Knights And Ladies Entertained

Members of the Torrance High School service organizations, the Tartar Knights and Tartar Ladies, were entertained on Tuesday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Goodwin in Los Angeles. Mrs. Goodwin is sponsor of the Tartar Ladies. Other guests were Ivor Blayloch, sponsor of the Tartar Knights, Raymond Casey, principal of the high school, Mrs. Casey, Miss Elizabeth Parks, vice principal, and her sister, Miss Aline Parks.

Badminton and round table pingpong furnished the entertainment. The barbecue pit in the back yard was the center of interest. Tartar Ladies and Tartar Knights present included: Mary Crawford, Dorothy Sanders, Burna Morris, Mary Olive Jones, Olwyn Richards, Marjorie Rose, Wilma McBride, Myrna Fossom, Carlotta Dean, Naomi Edwards, Doris Quaglin, Frances Barrington, Marilyn Thomas, Gerry Farren, and Lois Severin. Queen: Bill Jackson, Bill Stanley, LeRoy Wright, Bud Smith, Corky Northway, Jay Stroh, Ed King, Paul Mitchell, Ken Kesson, Merwin Jarratt, Ralph George, LeRoy Schwenk, and Don Teske.

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